

3/25/2021 - 8:00 AMHouse Bill 3335 House Committee on Housing

I strongly oppose House Bill 3335 as written; Oregon Constitution does not allow the Legislative Assembly to enact laws in which benefit or appropriate money to religious organizations incorporated as a non-profit (501)(c)(3) and exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of IRC. Most or All Religious Organizations do file under (501)(c)(3) non-profit corporations under permission of the IRS under IRC rules. Two of the largest in Oregon and elsewhere is the Catholic Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, respectfully, Saint Vincent Health Systems and Adventist Health Systems- hospitals, subsidiaries, and clinics.

CONSTITUTION OF OREGON

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 5. No money to be appropriated for religion. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religious [sic], or theological institution, nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious [sic] services in either house of the Legislative Assembly.

Text HB 3335: (f) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization or group of organizations that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.